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REMARKS

Claims 82 and 93-107 are pending. Claim 82 is amended herein to explicitly recite pharmaceutically acceptable salts. Support is found in the specification, for example, at page 48, line 23 – page 49, line 22.

The Office Action of June 12, 2007 outlined a requirement for election of species.

In particular, the Office Action required an election of a single "second active agent" from claims 93-104. In response, Applicants elect, with traverse, sunscreen. Claims 82, 95-96 and 106-107 read on the elected species.

The Office Action also required an election of a single "agent that enhances percutaneous administration" from claim 105. In response, Applicants elect, with traverse, propylene glycol. Claims 82 and 105-107 read on the elected species.

Applicants traverse these species election requirements because it would not pose an undue burden to search the full scope of the pending claims. In particular, in performing a search for compositions formulated for percutaneous absorption by topical administration that include the compounds of independent claim 82, it would not pose substantial additional burden to search for such compositions further including the "second active agents" of claims 93-104 or "agents that enhance percutaneous administration" of claim 105 that are used in topical compositions.

Applicants also note that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species that depend from or otherwise include all limitations of an allowable generic claim. 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Further and favorable consideration of the elected claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated June 12, 2007. Please deduct the \$120.00 fee for this purpose from our Deposit Account No. 08-0219. No other fees are believed to be due in connection with this correspondence. However, please charge any payments due or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

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